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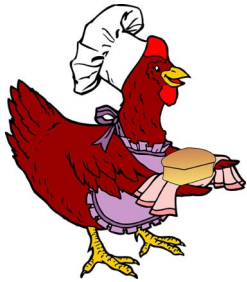
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16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this weeks newsletter, we hope you enjoy reading about the many exciting enrichment activities taking place across the federation in both schools.



### Acorns—The Little Red Hen

Both Acorns classes are looking at the story of The Little Red Hen. They have painted pictures, looked into character development and are starting to invent their own stories. As a 'Hook' both classes across the Federation are going on a trip to Burcott Mill, to have a tour of a water-powered flour mill, one of only 50 still operating in the UK today. The trip will take place on the morning of **Wednesday 12th October**. We will be back to school for lunch. More details to follow.

### Bluebells

In our new Bluebells Early Years class at Croscombe the children have been settling into their new environment well and have been very creative with the loose parts making jewellery, jewellery boxes and have opened a jewellery and gem shop. In the outdoor classroom, we have enjoyed building different stages. We have had a theatre, with lots of dancing and singing 'Dance Monkey' and nursery rhymes. We had an ice-cream seller and have been learning how to record the number of ice-creams ordered. This week, a circus has come to the stage and Mrs Malone was squirted by the cheeky clown!



**Save the date!** There will also be a trip for both federation Bluebells classes on **Wednesday 12th October** to Orchard Park Farm, Hornblotton to tie in with our Federation Early Years theme: **'Amazing Autumn Animals'** More details to follow.

### Helping Hand

Helpers during the school day at both our schools would be really appreciated.

**Parent Helpers are needed for:**

**Reading:** 1:1 reading in both schools

**Forest School:** Stoke Y1 and Y2 up to Christmas

Thursday 1pm-3pm at the Earth Science Centre Stoke St Michael.

**Forest School:** Croscombe Y3 and Y4 up to Christmas

Wednesday 1pm-3pm leave and return to Croscombe on foot.

**Play Times & P.E:** Croscombe—We would really like volunteers at Croscombe to help escort the children up to our amazing field for PE and play times.

The days we need help walking the children to and back from the field are:

**Tuesdays:** Chestnuts from 1:20 to 1:30pm and 2:50 to 3:00pm;

**Thursdays:** Conkers from 12.50 to 1pm and 2.50 to 3.00pm;

**Fridays:** Acorns and Bluebells 10.00 to 10.10am to 11.50 to 12.00pm



### Choral Outreach Project

Our Choral Outreach project with Wells Cathedral School has got off to a wonderful start with our Year 5's and 6's in both schools enjoying and responding to the expert sessions delivered by music specialist Naomi Macleod-Jones. Naomi has commented positively on how well the children sing and absorb melody and words. Please note that the children from both of our schools will perform at a lunchtime concert in Wells Cathedral with children from other Somerset primary schools on **Thursday 3rd November**. This musical project's theme is Earth as the Gaia Exhibition ([About \(my-earth.org\)](http://About(my-earth.org)) and [What's On - Wells Cathedral](http://What's On - Wells Cathedral)) will be on display in the Cathedral at the time of the children's concert and so it will also be an opportunity to see this incredible spectacle and perform in its presence.

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### **Gardening Club**

Stoke St Michael School are looking for parent helpers to help with gardening club on a Wednesday (day negotiable) after school, if you are interested, please pop into the school and speak with Mrs Vincent.



### **Croscombe Harvest**

Croscombe will be having their Harvest Festival at the church on Monday 26th September. Parents are welcome to attend. Please can the children bring in canned or dried goods for the Harvest Festival, which will be donated to the local food bank.



### **Stoke St. Michael Harvest Festival**

The Church Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 2nd October at the school, there will be a supper and action after the church service at Stoke St Michael Church, tickets to be brought for this event, please contact Janet 01749 840671 On Friday 30th September, there will be our celebration assembly in the school where we will invite the children to bring in Fresh or tinned produce to be auctioned off on Sunday 2nd October.



### **Croscombe Harvest Market & Opening of Playing Field**

The new date for the Harvest Market will be:

**Saturday 8th October**

11am - 2pm, more details to follow.



### **Parking**

We have had complaints from local Croscombe residents regarding cars blocking driveways and footpaths. One resident was unable to attend an elderly relative who was in need of assistance. Please always park considerately and safely at the start and end of the school day.

### **Stoke St. Michel PTA - Your PTA needs you!**



We'd like to start by welcoming our new PTA Chair: Aiden Todd, vice chair: David Richardson-Aitken & new treasurer: Kirsty Lanfear to the team.

They are on the lookout for new members with new ideas to help fundraise for resources and experiences for the children. If you feel you have some time to give, please speak with a member of the PTA. The next meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm (Aiden's house, address on request), ALL WELCOME!

### **Note from Nick Cramp, our chair of Federation Governors**

We would like to start offering the option for parents to meet with the school governors, with the intent of doing this on a more regular basis throughout the school year.

Now there are no longer any restrictions post pandemic, we can now offer parents the opportunity to meet onsite to discuss updates and developments in the school, as well as any matters parents may wish to raise directly with governors.

The first of these meetings will be held at Croscombe CofE School at 6pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The next meeting, after that, will be held at Stoke St Michael School (we will inform you of the time and date). We look forward to seeing you there.

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## 40 For The Federation 2022 LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP & SPONSOR Our Wonderful Walkers

Please sign up to support our schools and the Mind Charity of Somerset. This year there are more options to support all ages and abilities.

- **14 Mile Live Route 24th September** - starting and ending at Stoke School (age 16+)
- **26 Mile Live Route 24th September** - starting and ending at Stoke School but also passing through Croscombe School (age 16+)
- **26 Mile Virtual Route 1st-26th September** - Walk 26 miles over 26 days (open to all ages)

The Live events are £40 per person to enter. The Virtual event is £20 for an individual adult or £40 for a family (1 adult & 2 children).

**Please register:**

[www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/](http://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/)

**or to DONATE please visit:**

[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022)

We have some great raffle prizes: - Dinner for 4, Champagne, Hampers, Sky Diving voucher and many more prizes, please buy your tickets at either school for £1.00 a strip, they will be selling them at the check point in Croscombe or at Stoke St. Michael school along with Cakes.

### Staff

Sadly at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Chester, our Acorns teacher at Croscombe. Amongst many things, Mrs Chester has provided energy, enthusiasm and wonderful hand made puppets to support learning during her time with us in the federation. Mrs Chester will be missed but we wish her all the success in her exciting new role. Please be reassured that we have some strong applicants for our lovely Acorns class and we look forward to sharing further news on appointment.

### And Finally....

Today marks the Autumn Equinox. In the northern hemisphere it is a gateway from summer to autumn, a time of equal dark, equal light with 12 hours of night and 12 hours of day.

Take a moment to reflect on all the good things that nature brings to us as we continue our extraordinary journey around the sun.

'Delicious autumn!  
My very soul is wedded to it,  
and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.'  
- George Eliot

**Best Wishes,  
Mel Vincent & Bill Moore  
Co Head Teachers**

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<b>Wednesday 28th September</b>	PTA Meeting 3:30pm at Aiden's house
<b>Friday 30th September</b>	Harvest Celebration Assembly - Children welcomed to bring in Produce 9:10am
<b>Thursday 6th October</b>	Open Afternoon 2pm - 3pm
<b>Tuesday 11th October</b>	School Photo day 9:00am
<b>Wednesday 12th October</b>	Acorns trip to Burcott Mill
<b>Wednesday 12th October</b>	Bluebells trip to Orchard Park Farm
<b>Wednesday 12th October</b>	Bags2school collection
<b>Friday 14th October</b>	PTA Halloween Disco 6pm - 8pm
<b>Thursday 20th October</b>	Wells Festival Of Literature (Owls)
<b>Monday 24th October</b>	Half Term
<b>Tuesday 1st November</b>	Gaia Arts Workshop (More information to follow)
<b>Monday 10th November</b>	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP)
<b>Week Commencing 14th November</b>	UK Parliament Week
<b>Friday 18th November</b>	Children In Need
<b>Wednesday 23rd November</b>	Flu Vaccines
<b>Thursday 1st December</b>	Open Day - Taster Sessions for all ages
<b>Monday 10th November</b>	Stoke Open Morning 9:15am - 10:15am

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<b>Saturday 24th September</b>	40 for the Federation - Raffle tickets on sale midday at Checkpoint
<b>Monday 26th September</b>	Harvest Festival Service at the Church 2:30pm,
<b>Friday 30th September</b>	Celebration Assembly 2:50pm
<b>Monday 3rd October</b>	Parent / Governors Meeting 6pm at the School
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